

## [Mr. Delzell]

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District #16 PANHANDLE PIONEERS Interview: Revised by Mr. Delzell

Potter County Farm

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Mr. Delzell brought a group of homeseekers to the Panhandle from Fairfax, Iowa. The prospective settlers were college friends of Mr. Delzell and his wife who, having heard of what a fine country the Panhandle was and how easy it was to become rich there, left their former homes to make other [?] others on the last Texas frontier.

Mr. Delzell called to mind several of the early buildings of Amarillo: the first courthouse in the new town at Fifth and Taylor, west of the present courthouse; and the first brick schoolhouse at the present location of the school plant between Tyler and Polk and 12th and 13th streets. Mr. L. A. Wells, superintendent of the public school of Amarillo about 1905 or 1906, put out the first tree in Amarillo. That tree still stands diagonally across from the present high school on Polk.

According to Mr. Delzell, Mr. H. A. Nobles started the street cars in Amarillo. One line went toward San Jacinto. A man named Lynch ran one street car line.

Mr. Delzell was present when the old Carson building, located at 4th and Polk, burned down, although the local fire department fought to save the structure from the flames. [???